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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING ORGANIC
CHLORINE COMPOUNDS

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: September 16, 2002

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the below remarks as well as reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections.

REMARKS

It is alleged in the Office Action that the reply of June 5, 2002 is not fully responsive to the previous Office Action of December 5, 2001, in that the reply does not specifically explain why the expression "which contains biological sludge" has been added to claim 2. Applicants wish to point out that the phrase "which contains biological sludge" has been added to further clarify the claimed invention of claim 2. It is to be noted that the specification at page 1, line 17 and Examples 3-6 disclose that the object to be processed